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SUBJ: CLEARANCE FOR AMCIT TO RECEIVE AUSTRALIAN
ANTARCTIC MEDALLION

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1. DEPART OF SCIENCE (DOS) HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE
IN OBTAINING PROMPT USG APPROVAL FOR AN AMERICAN CITIZEN USG
EMPLOYEE TO RECEIVE AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC MEDALLION FOR IS
PARTICIPATION IN THE 1975 CASEY EXPEDITION TO ANTARCTICA.

2. DRAWING ON REPAIR, SCIENCE LIAISON OFFICER HAS EXPLAINED
USG POLICY, STRESSING THAT USG REGULATIONS PROHIBIT EMPLOYEES
FROM ACCEPTING GIFTS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES WITH VALUE
EXCEEDING US\$50 AND THAT USG ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO SUPPORTING
SUCH AN AWARD WITH STATEMENT SHOWING BASIS FOR AWARD.

3. DOS ASSURES EMBASSY THAT INTRINSIC VALUE OF MEDALLION
WELL BELOW US\$50 MAXIMUM. AUSTRALIANS PROPOSE TO PRESENT
CERTIFICATE WITH MEDALLION WITH TEXT AS FOLLOWS QTE
PRESENTED TO (NAME) IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AS A MEMBER
OF THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTARCTIC RESEARCH EXPEDITION
PARTY DURING 1975, DATED BLANK DAY OF BLANK END QTE.
CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY MINISTER OF SCIENCE, SENATOR
WEBSTER, AND ANTARCTIC DIVISION DIRECTOR GARROD.

3. DOS PROPOSES PRESENT MEDALLION TO RICHARD J. NEFF, U.S.
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT NEFF PARTICIPATED
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IN EXPEDITION THROUGH NSF'S OFFICE OF POLAR PROGRAMS.

4. WE UNDERSTAND NEFF RETURNING TO AUSTRALIA FROM
ANTARCTICA TODAY AND DOS EAGER PRESENT MEDALLION WHILE HE
STILL IN COUNTRY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER USG
GRANTS APPROVAL FOR RETENTION AND WEARING OF THIS
DECORATION BY NEFF.
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